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My Dear Grandchild Egbert,

I was very glad to get your very nice letter of the 20th inst.

I would like to have you write me the number of steers we are feeding there, how much meal or grain each steer is fed each day, the number times they are fed pr. day, and how often they have water, and how old they are. Also a similar history of the sheep.

Also how many acres of ground has been ploughed on the farm for the coming spring crops. Your Grandpa Crane and Mr. Sanford can give you the information almost any evening and not hinder them from their business.

By a little inquiry and observation you could assist in feeding and looking after the stock. And in that way get information that may always be a benefit to you. I do not think you are old enough to handle spirited horses yet. They are too strong for you and when horses feel well you might be in danger of being kicked.

You of course have very much time for study and reading and can make as good progress now in getting a good education as you ever can. Some exercise out door and some and business care will keep your mind brighter that it can be to remain indoors al the time.

I am too busy to day to write more.
Aff'ly Your Grandpa
H. Merriman